

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6 of First Extraordinary Session

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Allan Kerley upon his receipt of the Rotary Club Perfect Attendance Award.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those persons who through their personal endeavors are credits to their respective families and communities and to this state; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Allan Kerley, who was recently honored by the Columbia Noon Rotary Club for 50 years of perfect attendance; and

WHEREAS, Allan Kerley attended Sumner County High School, Middle Tennessee State Teachers College and the College of Commerce of Bowling Green Business University, from which he received both AB and BS degrees; and

WHEREAS, he taught at his high school alma mater for a number of years before entering the family retail business started by his grandfather, father and uncles in Portland; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kerley became a member of the newly organized Portland Rotary Club in 1936, holding many offices and serving as President in 1942-43; and

WHEREAS, he became associated with the Columbia Rotary in 1943, after moving to the area to affiliate with his father and brother in the Kerley Furniture Company. Kerley Furniture was a vibrant part of the Columbia retail community and was a key landmark on the Public

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Square operated as a successful partnership by Mr. Kerley and his brother-in-law, the late DeWitt Viar, from 1943-1981; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kerley is the epitome of a devoted Rotarian and has served the organization in various offices and as a member of many committees, including meritorious service as secretary-treasurer in 1944-45 and president in 1948-49. He has also attended three International Rotary meetings; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to upholding the tenets and performing the mission of the Rotary Club has not gone unnoticed, and he was honored in 1998 for his many valuable contributions during 63 years of astute service to the Rotary and for 50 years of perfect attendance with the Columbia Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kerley is an active and devoted member of the West End Baptist Church of Columbia, where he has served in numerous capacities including, Chairman of the Board of Deacons and Associate Sunday School Director. He was also active as a member of First Baptist Church in downtown Columbia for many years, where he also served as a deacon; and

WHEREAS, Allan Kerley exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Allan Kerley is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife of 69 years, Lyda, and their two children, David and William; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Allan Kerley for his dedication to the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Allan Kerley for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and to the Rotary and congratulate him upon his receipt of the Perfect Attendance Award and wish him every continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.